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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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INVENTION: WDM RING NETWORK AND METHOD  
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Sir:  
Please amend the above-identified International Application before entry  
20 into the National stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C.  
§371 as follows:

**In The Specification:**

On page 1, cancel lines 1-3 and substitute the following therefor:

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**TITLE**

**WDM RING NETWORK AND METHOD**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a WDM ring network, and method, wherein  
30 the transmission capacity of such ring network, which is used predominantly for one-way data transport, can be taken advantage of.

**Description of the Prior Art--**

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